

Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the specification of the application as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 1-3, beginning with: "Figure 2 depicts" and ending with: "higher temperature synthesis", with the following paragraph:

Figure 2A depicts the IR spectra of aspartic acid; ~~and that **Figure 2B** depicts the IR spectra of polysuccinimide synthesized in supercritical CO₂ at 150 °C (middle); and **Figure 2C** depicts the IR spectra of polysuccinimide synthesized in supercritical CO₂ at 200 °C, bottom.~~ The appearance of the imide peak at 1714 cm⁻¹ is only in the higher temperature synthesis.